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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the specification:

On page 1, after the title ("PEPTIDE-BASED IMMUNOTHERAPEUTIC AGENT"), please insert:

C1
--This application claims priority of International Application No. PCT/JP97/04129, filed November 12, 1997, which claims priority of Japanese Application No. 8/302053, filed November 13, 1996.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C2
-- Hyposensitization, a method for treating allergic diseases, comprises administering a small amount of antigen (for example, an antigen extracted from cryptomeria pollen or mites) to an allergy patient, and increasing the dosage gradually. The success of hyposensitization is attributed to the decreased response of allergen-specific T cells. Presumably, hyposensitization causes T-cell tolerance (T cell anergy).

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